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SUMMARY FROM PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

A. MEDIA PROFILE

THE ISRAELI CABINET'S APPROVAL "IN PRINCIPLE" OF THE DRAFT COMPROMISE TREATY WITH EGYPT IS THE MAJOR STORY IN THURSDAY'S NEWSPAPERS. ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON POST, THE ISRAELI CABINET TACKED ON A STRING OF AMENDMENTS THAT WILL HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED WHEN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS RESUME IN WASHINGTON. THE WASHINGTON STAR REPORTS THAT A NEW STRAIN HAS DEVELOPED IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND ISRAEL OVER ISRAEL'S DECISION TO EXPAND ITS CONTROVERSIAL WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS. THE POST ADDED THAT AN ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENTS ON FREEZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SETTLEMENTS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH EXPANSION OF EXISTING SETTLEMENTS.

2. OTHER FRONT-PAGE STORIES: A. THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING A PLAN INVOLVING THE DEPLOYMENT OF MISSILES ON AIRPLANES THAT WOULD, IN THE EVENT OF ATTACK, LAND ON SELECTED AIRSTRIPS TO FIRE THE WEAPONS. B. AHMED SULTAN ISMAIL, EGYPTIAN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AND ONETIME EGYPTIAN DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION, IS NAMED BY THE WASHINGTON POST, AS A RECIPIENT OF A WESTINGHOUSE BRIBE. C. THE SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE SAYS IT HAS NO EVIDENCE THAT SENATOR BROOKE HAD WITHHELD OR ALTERED DOCUMENTS RELATING TO ITS INVESTIGATION INTO HIS FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

B. SUMMARY OF SPECIAL ITEMS

3. IN A SPEECH BEFORE THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB YESTERDAY, CIA DIRECTOR STANSFIELD TURNER STATED THAT INTELLIGENCE ABUSES ARE "FAR LESS TODAY THAN ANY TIME IN OUR HISTORY," BUT THAT THE UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INTELLIGENCE SOURCES IS THE PRIMARY THREAT TO US INTELLIGENCE GATHERING.

THE DIRECTOR ALSO DEFENDED THE PRACTICE OF WITHHOLDING SENSITIVE

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INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION DURING A TRIAL--A POSITION HE SAID IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF A NEWSPAPER'S REFUSAL TO DIVULGE SOURCES USED BY REPORTERS. (API) (UPI) (POST)

FBI DIRECTOR WILLIAM WEBSTER, IN AN INTERVIEW YESTERDAY WITH ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTERS AND EDITORS, ADDRESSED THE SAME ISSUE. HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND WHEN SECRETS SHOULD BE "SACRIFICED" TO PROSECUTE THOSE CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE. (API)

4. LEBANESE SOURCES STATE THAT PRESIDENT SARKIS IS PLANNING TRIPS TO PARIS AND WASHINGTON IN SEARCH OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ENABLE THE LEBANESE ARMY TO ENFORCE DOMESTIC PEACE. (POST)

5. THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE AGREED TO A ROUND OF DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT ESTABLISHING COMMON LIMITATIONS ON THE SUPPLY OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS TO LATIN AMERICA. A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS, WHICH BEGIN IN DECEMBER IN MEXICO CITY, WOULD MARK THE FIRST TIME THE TWO SUPERPOWERS HAVE SLOWED THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS RACE IN ANY REGION.

INFORMED SOURCES IN MOSCOW ALSO CONFIRMED DURING SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE AGREED ON A NEW ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS ON BANNING ANTISATELLITE WEAPONS. VANCE'S SESSIONS ALSO COVERED A COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN, MBFR, AND FUTURE SALT TOPICS. (POST)

6. CHINESE DEPUTY PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING EXPRESSED OPTIMISM YESTERDAY ABOUT PROGRESS ON NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND PRC. TENG SAID IN A PRESS CONFERENCE IN TOKYO THAT THE CHINESE "ARE WAITING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE US" AND OMITTED ANY MENTION OF CHINESE CONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION OTHER THAN THOSE RELATING TO US TIES WITH TAIWAN. JAPANESE OBSERVERS INTERPRETED TENG'S REMARKS AS AN INDICATION THAT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ARE MINOR, OR ALREADY RESOLVED, AND THAT THE CHINESE ARE SUGGESTING FIRMLY THAT THE NEXT MOVE IS UP TO THE US. TENG REFUSED TO COMMENT ON WHEN THE TWO COUNTRIES MIGHT RECOGNIZE EACH OTHER. (NYT)

7. SOUTH AFRICA: BLACK AFRICAN STATES YESTERDAY CALLED FOR AN URGENT UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING TO DISCUSS ACTION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA FOR ITS REJECTION OF UN-SUPERVISED ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA

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BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES REPORT THAT THE MOTIVE FOR THE MOVE WAS TO PRESSURE THE FIVE WESTERN STATES INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA INTO CONFIDING MORE IN THE AFRICANS ON THE STATUS OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN PRETORIA LAST WEEK--AND REASSURING THEM THAT THE WEST IS NOT SELLING OUT THEIR HOPES FOR BLACK MAJORITY RULE. DEMANDING "A BETTER EXPLANATION OF WHAT'S GOING ON," THESE SOURCES ADD THAT THE REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION WILL BE SIDETRACKED IF SUCH EXPLANATIONS ARE DEEMED SATISFACTORY BY THE AFRICAN STATES. (POST)

8. FORMER CIA EMPLOYEE FRANK SNEPP HAS FILED AN APPEAL WITH THE FOURTH US CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN VIRGINIA IN AN ATTEMPT TO REVERSE A PREVIOUS COURT RULING WHICH FOUND HIM GUILTY OF VIOLATING HIS SECRECY OATH. (APC) (POST)

9. PRESIDENT CARTER BELIEVES THAT HIS SIGNING INTO LAW OF THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1978 WILL BALANCE SECURITY CONCERNS AND PRESERVE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. THIS ACT REQUIRES PRIOR JUDICIAL WARRANT FOR ALL ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE IN THE US. CONVERSELY, THE GOVERNMENT'S AUTHORITY FOR SUCH SURVEILLANCE IS CLARIFIED. (REUTER) (UPI) (POST) E2 IMPDET. >
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